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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/530/Add.1)*]

59/17. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolution 1576 (2004) of 29 November 2004, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 1 June 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolution 59/17 A of 29 October 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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[1] Resolution 59/17, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/59/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 59/17 A.

[2] A/59/745.

[3] A/59/736 and Add.13.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/296 of 22 June 2005, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 15 April 2005, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 80.8 million United States dollars, representing some 35 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of relevant provisions of its resolution 59/296;

11. *Notes* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[4]

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to address, as a matter of urgency, structural and management problems that remain to be thoroughly resolved as previously determined by the General Assembly;

[4] A/59/736/Add.13.

13. *Decides* that the protocol functions shall be absorbed within the existing staff strength of the Mission;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to utilize expertise existing within the United Nations system that could support the Mission in carrying out substantive activities mandated by the Security Council;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

16. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Expenditure report for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004

17. *Takes note* of the expenditure report for the Mission for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2004;[5]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

18. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 494,887,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, inclusive of 470,073,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 20,289,800 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,523,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

19. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 494,887,000 dollars at a monthly rate of 41,240,583 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005 and 2006 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

20. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 13,303,300 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 10,069,500 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,867,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 365,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

21. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 19 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 14,703,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

[5] A/59/745, sect. IV.

22. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 14,703,700 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 21 above;

23. *Decides further* that the decrease of 326,300 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2004 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 14,703,700 dollars referred to in paragraphs 21 and 22 above;

24. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".

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